

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive on the 11th day of January, 2011 with the following members present:

Jim Story	Mayor
Chris Brown	Council Members
Ray Champney	
Roger Fisher	
Jim Griffin	
Roy Savage	
Roy W. Turner	

Constituting a quorum.

Staff present included:

Beverly Queen Griffith	City Manager
David Miller	Deputy City Manager
Stan Lowry	City Attorney
Michael Wells	City Secretary
David Flory	Police Chief
John Kubala	Public Works Director
Maria Redburn	Library Manager
Bill Syblon	Development Director

WORK SESSION

Mayor Story called the Work Session to order at 6:00 p.m.

- **Review and discuss items on the regular agenda and consider placing items for approval by consent.**

Council discussed placing the following item(s) on consent: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 14.

- **Present an overview of the change of venue options for the City of Bedford Labor Day Blues & BBQ Festival or “Bluesfest”.**

Special Events Coordinator Wendy Hartnett presented information regarding change of venue options for the City of Bedford Labor Day Blues and BBQ Festival. She presented a timeline of where they are at in the process. In January 2010, staff knew that the property at Texas Health HEB Hospital was questionable for 2011. When planning for the 2010 festival ended, staff began looking at possible relocation options. In November 2010, they reviewed site options with the special events team which included representatives from Police, Fire, Public Works, Parks and Finance. Staff received official notice in December that HEB Hospital will be building an oncology building on the site. She then reviewed the current site where the festival is held. It has 16.64 acres of space; 2000 free and 600 paid parking spots; attendance last year was 15,500 and she believes it will continue to grow; there is infrastructure in place; and there is minimal citizen impact and road closures.

Ms. Hartnett then presented the ideal location factors for a new location. They need a venue that supports the growth of the event, that was accessible to patrons, that was accessible to utilities, that was located in Bedford, that had enough parking in the vicinity to avoid shuttling, and that had minimal citizen impact and street closures. They also wanted flexibility for alcohol sales and consumption. Staff first assessed the Boys Ranch location. Pros for this location include: paid parking at the Old Bedford School and the new Library amounting to approximately 350 spots; the use of Boys Ranch building; there is existing infrastructure that will need changes; there are both playgrounds and pavilions at the site; it is also set as a festival site; and adding SPLASH as an attraction. Cons for this location include: multiple citizens will be affected; the shuttling cost for 2 days which includes both the shuttle and additional staff; additional streets shutdown; a need to change the City's ordinance regarding consuming alcohol in the park; additional fencing costs; there may need to be dual locations for the barbecue or possibility of downsizing; existing park structures are in the way; additional staff costs; and avoiding tunnel vision to avoid the same festival 8 weeks later. She then showed a map showing the potential layout for the festival at the Boy's Ranch.

Ms. Hartnett then presented the City Hall option that includes City Hall, the old Library site, the new Library site, and potentially the land at State National and Chase for use of their parking lots. Pros for this option include: flexibility with or without Chase; fewer residents being affected; having shade; minor street shutdowns; no City ordinance cover those properties in regards to alcohol consumption and sales; the location to City facilities; having a city block party feel; no existing structures; room for growth; and it is comparable in size to old location. Cons include: the need for multiple partnerships (which may, however, strengthen ties with businesses which would be a pro); limited exits from the site; and no festival infrastructure in place. She then showed two map options the first without Chase which gives 14.32 acres and the second with Chase, which gives 19.81 acres with more room to grow. Staff's recommendation is the City Hall option. Council was of the consensus for the City Hall option.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

To convene before the Regular Session, if time permits, in the conference room in compliance with Section 551.001 et. Seq. Texas Government Code, to discuss the following:

- **Pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code: to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property: 1721 Bedford Road**

Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code regarding Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code: to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property: 1721 Bedford Road at approximately 7:29 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at approximately 8:01 p.m.

Any necessary action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session will occur during the regular session of the Bedford City Council Meeting.

REGULAR SESSION 6:30 P.M.

Regular Session began at 6:33 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Story called the meeting to order. He stated that Executive Session will occur at the end of the meeting.

INVOCATION (Pastor Cameron Williams, Mid-Cities Community Church)

Pastor Cameron Williams of Mid-Cities Community Church gave tonight's invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

OPEN FORUM

Nobody chose to speak under tonight's open forum.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

Motioned by Councilman Champney, seconded by Councilman Turner, to approve the following items by consent: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 14.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

1. **Present a check to the City of Bedford for the Take a Load Off, Texas Solar PV Incentive in the amount of \$175,000.**

Don Perfect from Oncor presented a check in the amount of \$175,000 to the Mayor and Council for the City's participation in the Take a Load Off, Texas Solar PV Incentive.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2. **Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:**
 - a) **December 14, 2010 regular meeting**

Motioned by Councilman Fisher, seconded by Councilman Champney, to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2010 regular meeting.

Motion approved 5-0-2. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

Councilman Savage and Councilman Griffin abstained due to not being present at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

3. **Public hearing and consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to pursue grant funding from the Tarrant County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 37th Year Program for the proposed milling and 2" asphalt overlay on Bedford Court East from Dora Street to Brown Trail, Phyllis Street from Dora Street to Brown Trail and Gaye Street from Glenda Drive to Brown Trail.**

This item was moved after Item #11.

Public Works Director John Kubala presented information regarding this resolution. This project is for milling and 2" asphalt overlay on Bedford Court East from Dora Street to Brown Trail, Phyllis Street from Dora Street to Brown Trail, and Gaye Street from Glenda Drive to Brown Trail. The estimated cost of this project is \$96,000 and staff would be submitting a grant request in that amount. The cost to the City will be \$7,000 which is a match for doing the engineering design. The request will go to the Mayors Council in May where they will make a decision on the amount of funds available.

Mayor Story opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

John DeLorme, 1129 Woodvale Drive, Bedford, TX 76021 – Mr. DeLorme urges the Council to go after this money. These streets are among the worst in town and they desperately need to be done along with

other streets in the area. He urges Council to vote for this grant. Every level of government is tightening their belts is so may be the last opportunity for this type of grant and the City should go after this type of grant while we have the opportunity.

Mayor Story closed the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

Motioned by Councilman Savage, seconded by Councilman Griffin, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to pursue grant funding from the Tarrant County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 37th Year Program for the proposed milling and 2" asphalt overlay on Bedford Court East from Dora Street to Brown Trail, Phyllis Street from Dora Street to Brown Trail and Gaye Street from Glenda Drive to Brown Trail.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

- 4. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Tarrant County and to recommend to the County to accept the bid and award a contract to Prim Construction, LLC in the amount of \$193,430.65 for the City of Bedford 36th Year CDBG Brown Trail Sanitary Sewer & Sidewalk Improvement Project.**

This item was approved on consent.

- 5. Consider a resolution authorizing the purchase of a replacement flat bed dump truck in the amount of \$75,214 through the State of Texas Buy Board Purchasing Program.**

This item was approved on consent.

- 6. Consider a resolution authorizing the purchase of a replacement dump truck in the amount of \$116,813 through the State of Texas Buy Board Purchasing Program.**

This item was approved on consent.

- 7. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into Change Order #2 with McClendon Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$26,688.95 for the removal and replacement of a concrete flume for the Patti Drive Paving Improvements.**

This item was approved on consent.

- 8. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Up Close Inspections for third party multi-family inspections beginning January 12, 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.**

This item was approved on consent.

- 9. Consider a resolution authorizing the purchase of a replacement code enforcement truck in the amount of \$16,716 through the State of Texas Buy Board Purchasing Program.**

This item was approved on consent.

- 10. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to renew the contract agreement for one year with Comsel Communication to provide sponsorship consulting services for the City of Bedford 4thfest and Labor Day Blues & BBQ Festival.**

This item was approved on consent.

- 11. Consider a resolution accepting the nomination of a room at the new Library to be named after Bonnie Finn by the Bedford Library Friends.**

This item was moved before Item # 3.

Jim Davisson, 1612 Arbor Crest Drive, Bedford, TX – Mr. Davisson and David Franklin were there to represent the Bedford Library Friends. They are asking the Council to consider naming a room or something prominent in the new Library after Bonnie Finn. There has been a Bonnie Finn Room in the old Library for a number of years. A room was named for her after her 27 years of service as a librarian, her service on the Library Advisory Board, as a member of the Friends, as a supporter of the Library and her volunteer work. Naming something would help with continuity to the new Library. She was involved in moving the location of the Library three times. She guided the Library with enthusiasm, kindness and strength that continues with the current librarian. The groundwork for the Library was laid by Bonnie Finn and they believe it is a fitting tribute to her and that she is an immensely deserving individual and hope the Council considers this resolution.

Council was of the consensus to name the conference room at the new Library after Bonnie Finn.

Motioned by Councilman Griffin, seconded by Councilman Brown, to approve a resolution accepting the nomination of a room at the new Library to be named after Bonnie Finn by the Bedford Library Friends and the room recommended is the conference room.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

12. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to expend funds for an annual payment in the amount of \$34,098 for the renewal of the extended maintenance and technical support agreement with Innovative Interfaces Inc.

This item was approved on consent.

13. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into the third year of a three-year contract with B&B Wrecker Services, Inc., to provide towing for City initiated tows.

This item was approved on consent.

14. Consider a resolution nominating Councilman Roger Fisher for the North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Emergency Preparedness Planning Council.

This item was approved on consent.

15. Discussion and possible action to select council member to serve on the board of the HEB Economic Development Foundation. *Item requested by Mayor Story.**

Mayor Story requested this item be placed on the agenda for discussion and possible action. The City is allowed one council member on this board. Councilman Savage resigned this position recently due to personal issues and the Council needs to come up with a replacement.

Motioned by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Turner, to nominate Mayor Story to serve on the board of the HEB Development Foundation.

Motion approved 5-2-0. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

Voting in favor of the motion were: Mayor Story, Councilman Savage, Councilman Champney, Councilman Turner and Councilman Brown. Voting in opposition to the motion were: Councilman Fisher and Councilman Griffin.

16. Report on most recent meeting of the following Boards and Commissions:
✓ **Animal Control Board- Councilman Griffin**

No report was given.

✓ **Animal Shelter Advisory Board- Councilman Griffin**

No report was given.

✓ **Beautification Commission- Councilman Turner**

Councilman Turner stated that the Beautification Commission had a well deserved break for the holidays. They are now rolling up their sleeves to get back to the hard work of the Commission.

✓ **Community Affairs Commission- Councilman Fisher**

Councilman Fisher stated that the Community Affairs Commission had the month of December off. Their next meeting is January 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room in City Hall.

✓ **Library Board- Councilman Brown**

Councilman Brown stated that the Library Board had the month of December off as well. Their next meeting is Wednesday January 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the new Library.

✓ **Parks & Recreation Board- Councilman Griffin**

Councilman Griffin stated that the Board met last week. He wanted to alert Council to the fact that at their meeting on February 3 the Board will work on finalizing authorization for the grant. The Council will need a public hearing at their meeting on February 8 to approve the grant submission. The Parks Board will make a presentation at that meeting. The grant documentation will have to be completed by March 1, 2011.

✓ **Senior Citizen Advisory Board- Councilman Savage**

Mr. Savage gave no report on the Senior Citizen Advisory Board. He did want to thank the Council for their prayers and support during this stressful time.

✓ **Teen Court Advisory Board- Councilman Champney**

Councilman Champney stated he attended the last meeting of the Teen Court Advisory Board on Thursday. Wilma Clemmons, the new representative from Bedford, was there. The Board is in the process of preparing the banquet and scholarship program for the teens. He will be attending an upcoming teen court session and trial.

17. Council member reports

✓ **Mayor Story- Mayor Story- Comments about Michael Wood, a former Bedford Resident and Trinity High School graduate, who now performs with River Dance.**

Mayor Story received a call from a very proud mother. Her son, Michael Wood, went through HEB schools and graduated from Trinity. He always wanted to be a stage performer. He won a school talent show in 2003 and competed in UIL, earning second chair bass in the all-state choir. His summers were spent performing at Six Flags and Mary Kay conventions. He graduated from the Ann Lacy School of American Dance and Arts Management at Oklahoma City University in 2008. He has spent the last two years honing his skills as a singer and dancer with the Jean Ann Ryan productions aboard Norwegian Cruise Lines. He is now touring the United States with Riverdance. The production will be at the Verizon Theater in Grand Prairie January 14-16. It is always nice to have local person doing well who should be recognized, so congratulations to Michael.

18. City Manager report

City Manager Beverly Queen Griffith welcomed back Councilman Savage. Staff has really missed him.

19. Take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

No action was necessary as a result of Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Story adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Jim Story, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Wells, City Secretary